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### REMARKS

#### Amendments to the Specification:

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that some sequences of four or more amino acids did not contain sequence identifiers in the originally filed specification. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the specification herein to include sequence identifiers for the amino acid sequences presented on pages 232, 671-672 and 724 of the specification, in compliance with the requirements for patent applications containing nucleotide sequences and/or amino acid sequence disclosures under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. No new matter has been added by the claim amendments presented herein.

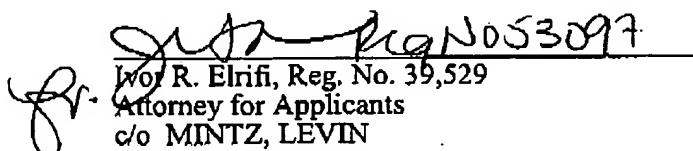
#### Priority Information:

The Examiner has also requested that Applicants identify in which provisional application(s) the claimed nucleic acid and amino acid sequences, *i.e.*, SEQ ID NO: 143 and SEQ ID NO: 144 (NOV37), are found. Applicants note that the nucleic acid and amino acid sequences of NOV37 are disclosed in U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/265,412, filed January 31, 2001 (*see* pages 169-172).

### CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit, that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and/or these remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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